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Radford High School

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A black and white photograph of Radford High School. The building is a large, multi-story brick structure with many windows. In front of the building, two vintage cars from the late 1930s or early 1940s are parked. There are trees and bushes in the foreground and background.

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Dedication . . .

A young man raised the lids of his tired eyes and stared blindly through a tangle of barbed wire. His face, hardened with premature age, was vaguely outlined with a grimy stubble of beard; the muscles of his stomach ached with pangs of hunger. A thousand worries preoccupied his mind, yet he was thinking of Radford High School.

Today, we are thinking of this young man . . . for the barbed-wire tangle was a concentration camp, and he was one of the twelve fighting Bobcats who lost their lives in the Second World War.

In dedicating this, the nineteen hundred and forty-seven edition of the OAK LEAF to these twelve immortal Bobcats, we make no pretense of "flag-waving" patriotism . . . it is merely our humble effort to show that, today, we are thinking of them, as they so often thought of us.

. . . Heads of the Bobcats



NANCY BURNETT
HENRY MONCURE

BUDDY HARRIS

ANN GIESEN
ROBERT WHITMER

"Those who labor must be led by those who think." How well this famous quotation suits our fine leading citizens. For each, in his own way, is an example to us; an example of good leadership and fine personality.

Ann Giesen, president of the S. C. A., holds our highest executive position. Ann is known to all of us for her charming ways. Nancy Burnett holds the highest judicial position in our school and has made many friends with her friendly smiles.

Henry Moncure is the skillful editor of our 1947 OAK LEAF. His energy is known to everyone. The position of editor of the *Acorn* is capably filled by Buddy Harris. Our Senior president for this year is "Bob" Whitmer, an outstanding basketball player of the season.

Yes, without these leaders R. H. S. would be a drab, dull place, for they inspire us, encourage us and lead us on to triumph in every undertaking.

The Trainers . . .



FACULTY

. . . of the Bobcats

FACULTY

MR. F. E. DEHAVEN
Superintendent, City Schools

MISS PAULINE LESTER
Commercial Education

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Principal

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Social Studies, Physical Education

MR. W. B. HATCHER
Assistant Principal

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MRS. NELL HATCHER
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Not Shown in Picture:

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Music, Band

MR. LAWRENCE LUZENSKI
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MR. H. H. HOBGOOD
Mathematics, Physical Education

MISS MARY FERRELL
Visiting Teacher

*MISS ROBERTA INGLES
English, Social Studies

MISS MARY WILLIS
Religious Education

MISS BETH JORDON
Home Economics

*On leave of absence.

The Knows . . .



SENIORS

MILDRED ALICE AKERS

"Mildred"

Small and blond and very sweet—
Quite a combination and hard to beat.

VESEY IZETTA ARBOGAST

"Izetta"

The twinkle in Izetta's eyes
Shows you wherein her humor lies.

WILLIAM BANE ATKINSON

"Bane"

Just put a baseball into my hand,
I'll be the happiest man in the land.

RUBY LEE BAIN

"Ruby Lee"

Loyal, constant—unselfish and quiet,
With these Ruby Lee should rise to
the heights.

HAROLD COMPTON BELLAMY

"Red"

On the football field he's good
opposition,
He's red-haired—yes—but has
a good disposition.

ROBERT ISSAC BISHOP

"Bish"

Life for "Bish" is like a bubble,
Happy and carefree with never
a trouble.

RUTH ANGELINE BLUE

"Ruth"

Twinkling eyes and shiny hair—
Look at Ruth—they'll both be there.

SAMUEL ABRUM BLUE

"Sam"

Sam is a very quiet and steady lad
Just back from the Army and
we're glad.

... of the Bobcats

SENIORS

DARRELL RUDOLPH BOLES

"Rudy"

Perserverance and ambition to do work
well,
These assets will help Rudy to excel.

GEORGE CLEMMONSEE BOONE, JR.

"G. C."

Loyal, impartial and never glum;
He's as good as they come.

BETTY LOU BOWLING

"Betty"

It's nice to be natural if you're
naturally nice;
If you look at Betty once, you'll
have to look twice.

NORMA JEANNINE BRIGHT

"Jeanie"

Kind words and sweet thoughts are
natural with Jean,
A more dependable girl you've never
seen.

ALTON DUANE BROOKMAN

"Alton"

Diplomatic, sincere and very smart,
Many a president had this start.

JOHN DAVID STEWARD BROWN

"Dickie"

Wavy hair, dimples and big brown eyes
You wouldn't ask for more, if you
were wise.

THEODORE RICHARD BURCH

"Teddy"

A brighter student you'll never find,
Oceans of knowledge flow through his
mind.

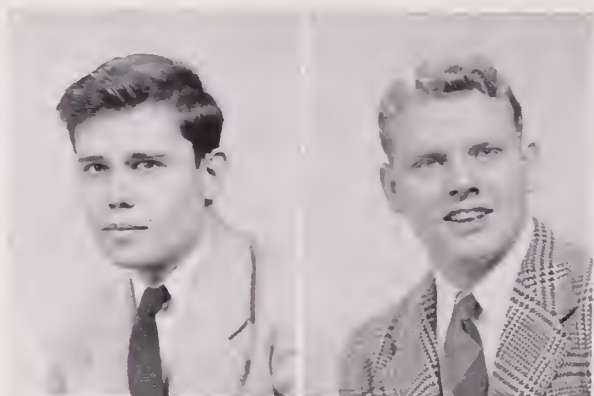
NANCY PATRICIA BURNETT

"Pat"

It isn't difficult to describe little Nancy;
She has sympathy, sweetness and
simplicity.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

WILLIAM PERFATER CALDWELL

"Doc"

He has initiative, dignity and force;
Of whom are we speaking? Why
"Doc," of course.

RAY STAFFORD CARTER

"Gut"

I prop my feet upon my desk,
Close my eyes, in slumber rest.



MARY JO ALICE CHARLTON

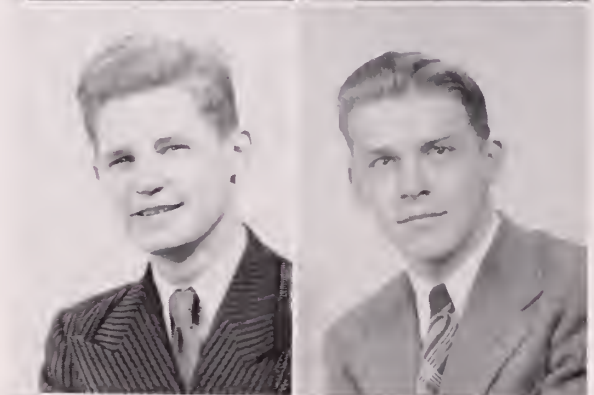
"Mary Jo"

A winning way and a lilting refrain—
That she'll be a success is very plain.

ALMA RUTH COCHRAN

"Alma"

Alma is quiet, reserved, impartial and
fair,
And as pure and simple as the morning
air.



WILLIAM EDWARD COCHRAN

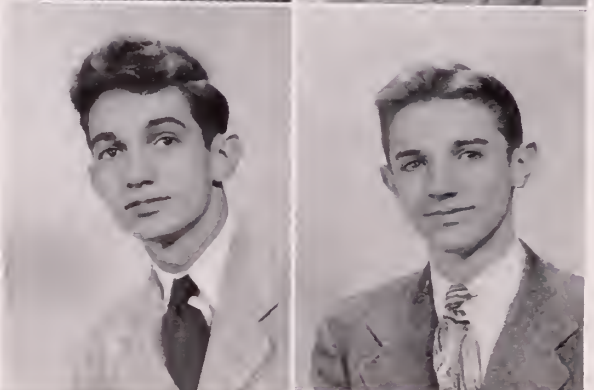
"Eddie"

Life is a carefree game to play;
I make my fun as I go my way.

OSCAR LEE CONRAD

"Connie"

Intelligent, energetic and ready to
serve,
A head full of brains—a touch of
reserve.



BILLY RAY COOK

"Bill"

A dreamy dancer and lots of fun;
He keeps all of the girls on the run.

JACK WELLS COOK

"J. W."

I wish I may, I wish I might
Make all school days into school-day
nights!

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIORS

WILMA ELYSE CRANFORD

"Elyse"

A very unusual person you'll find
Elyse,
A little determined, but affable, if
you please.

VIRGINIA MAE CREGGER

"Jincy"

Oh happy day when I can find
The ideal man that's in my mind.

EDNA LORAIN DEHART

"Edna"

Edna has a knack for making friends;
Life's full of people, she always
contends.

MARY FRANCES DEYERLE

"M. F."

With her cheerful laugh and sparkling
eye
She speaks to all as she passes by.

THOMAS EDWIN DISNEY

"Tommy"

Good looks and brains, wrapped up
in one pack
There's nothing in the world that
Disney could lack!

MARGIE SUE DIVERS

"Sue"

A neat little package of beauty and
poise;
She's quiet, cooperative and never
annoys.

MARY ALICE DOBBINS

"Mary Alice"

Mary Alice is quiet, yet we know she's
around,
For she helps in the office, and can
always be found.

BETTY JO DUDLEY

"Jo"

Like gold and silver and rubies fair
A friend like Jo is very rare.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

JEANNE DUDLEY

"Jeanne"

Sophisticated and witty, too,
Now there's a real combination for you.

STANLEY EUGENE DURMAN

"Gene"

He's a real Romeo and he has a Juliet
If you're ever in Fairlawn you'll see
him, I bet.

LACY ELLIS EARLES, JR.

"Lacy"

He is a little bashful, but fond of the
girls;
Quite a ladies' man is Lacy Earles.

LOUISE LEE FARMER

"Louise"

A light heart—a carefree mind;
A better friend you'll never find.

BETTY JEWELL FURROW

"B. J."

She's as neat and sweet and dainty
as a dove;
Her sparkling eyes will win your love.

ANN ROSSA GIESEN

"Ann"

I don't believe in settling down;
I'll live my live on a merry-go-round.

THOMAS VAUGHN GIESEN

"Tommy"

Witty, jovial and chocked full of fun
On the football field, he's comparable
to none.

ROBERT EASTWOOD GLENN

"Beanie"

With wit and wisdom and a gift of gab;
He uses the whole world for his lab.

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIORS

MARY ELLIN GRAY

"Skip"

Happy-go-lucky, with a gleam in her
eye,
A congenial nymph, yet a flirt on the sly.

RALPH EDWARD HALL

"Ralph"

Ralph is industrious and very sincere;
We've really enjoyed having him here.

JUDSON BURTON HARRIS

"Bucky"

When it comes to sports I'm there on
the dot,
But as for classes—they're not so hot.

PAUL CLAYTON HOLLANDSWORTH

"Paul"

Short and dark, with a winning smile,
Nearly every girl will go for his style.

THELMA MAE HOLLINS

"Sam"

Her manners are fine and her outlook
is gay
It would certainly be nice to find more
that way.

PEGGY JEAN HORNSBY

"Peggy"

Cute, sociable and very petite
She's a person all like to meet.

CARL ROBERT HOWARD

"Trippi"

Of football and basketball a handsome
star;
An all-round man designed to go far.

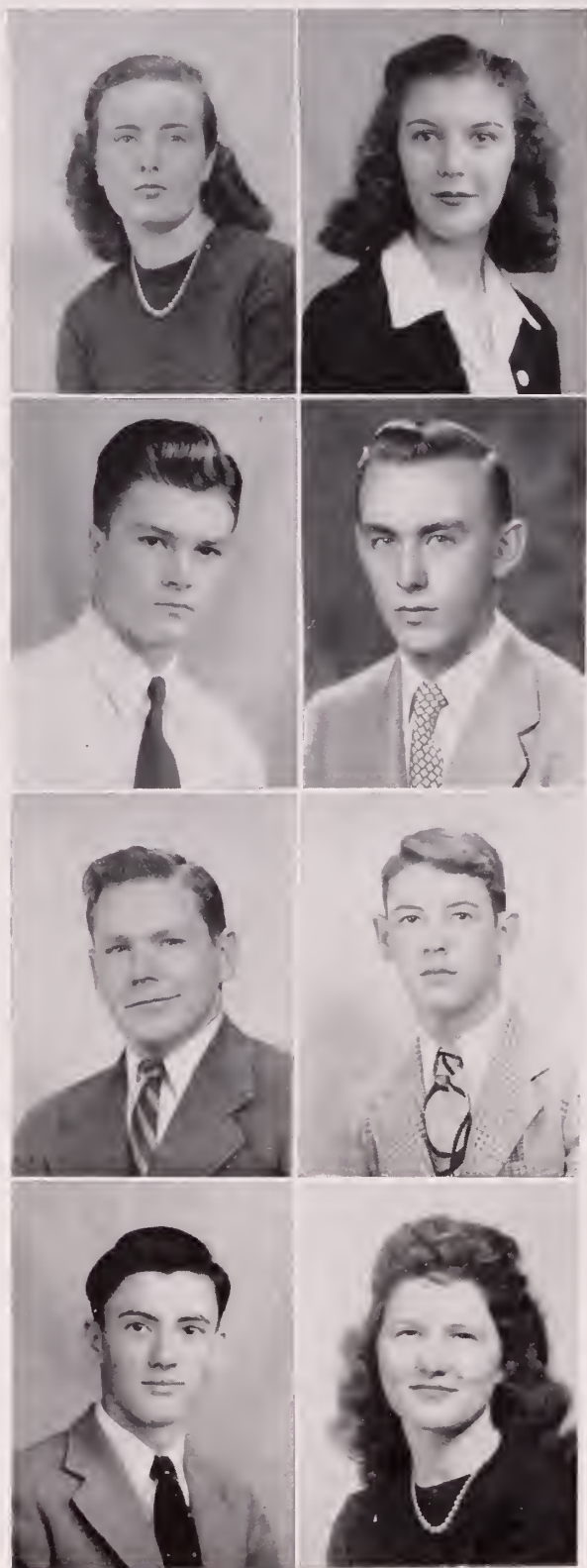
WILLIAM KENNETH HOWELL

"Bill"

Oh where, oh where has our little Bill
gone;
He is never in class at the sound of
the gong.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

WILMA JEAN HUDGINS

"Jean"

A nice smile, a winning way;
She's a friend to every one, every day.

RONELLA VIRGINIA BELL KIRBY

"Ronny"

Steadfast, loyal, kind and true;
A lovely blond with eyes of blue.

HOWARD ALEXANDER LEIGHTON

"Howard"

Howard is the type that impresses you;
He's loyal, honest, sincere and true.

HENRY HARRIS LOWMAN

"Lock"

Why should I be in school on time?
It's easier to get there at quarter past
nine.

RICHARD LEE LUCAS

"Dickie"

With that noticeable smile and the
twinkle in his eye
You will have no trouble guessing
how he can get by.

WILLARD EDWIN LYLE

"Willard"

Very mischievous is this boy Lyle,
And his 1902 Ford is the latest style.

ROBERT HUDDLE MANESS, JR.

"Bobby"

Not a care in the world, nor a cloud
in the sky;
If I take life easy, I'm sure to get by.

CLAUDINE REVA MANNON

"Shoebox"

Witty, jovial and ready for fun;
A red-haired bombshell is Claudine
Mannon.

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIORS

OPAL AILEINE MANNON

"Opal"

Her disposition is sunny and bright;
If you know her—you'll agree, all right.

BETTY AGNES MARTIN

"Betty"

One who is loyal, sincere and true;
A friend to all and never blue.

RUTH ANN MARTIN

"Ruthie"

A sweet southern belle, but we never
shall fret,
Because, by George, she's protected,
you bet.

CLITIE MOY MAYBERRY

"Moy"

Moy is a very nice looking chap, indeed;
We know that he is slated to succeed.

MARTHA LAVINDER MAYO

"Martha"

A splendid student and not a bit shy;
She gets her way or knows the reason
why.

FRANCES ANNE MERRITT

"Hank"

She lends her assistance whenever it's
needed;
As an asset to Radford she has cer-
tainly succeeded.

RUTH ELIZABETH MIDKIFF

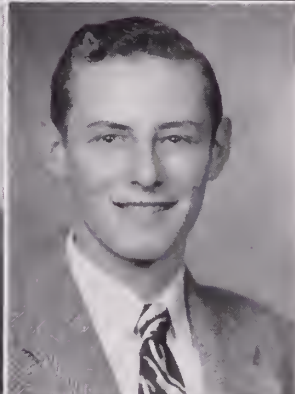
"Ruth"

Mixing a giggle with friendship true;
She's a grand sport and student, too.

HENRY MONCURE, JR.

"Moncure"

Talented, sincere, trustworthy and
steady;
Whenever there's work to do, Henry
is ready.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

JAMES ALEXANDER MOORE

"Alex"

Excuses and flattery are right down
my line;
It's the best way I know of wasting
time.

HARRY STEPHEN MOORE, JR.

"Gooney"

Always "hep" and up to date;
A personality that is first-rate.

FRANCES DELLA MORRIS

"Frances"

Frances is both quiet and thrifty;
She's always willing to meet you fifty-
fifty.

HAROLD RICHARD MCCOY

"McCoy"

A winsome smile and the mischief of
a boy;
Together with good nature make up
Harold McCoy.

LOIS FRANCES MCDANIEL

"Lois"

A friendly air—a pleasant smile;
Sincere and winsome all the while.

MARY SUE NORRIS

"Sue"

When Sue is around we don't lack fun;
A good ball player and always on the
run.

DAVID SEXTON PANNELL

"David"

Silence is golden I hear people say;
And David displays it in every way.

BARBARA MAE PRICE

"Barbara"

Not too serious, not too gay,
Will measure her in every way.

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIORS

MYRIM MATILDA RATCLIFFE

"Myrim"

Unassuming and happy-go-lucky;
Myrim is determined and plenty
plucky.

ROSAMOND OLLIE RADCLIFFE

"Rose"

A genial manner—a nice, pleasing smile;
Cultivate her friendship—it's really
worth while.

ROY LEE RAKES

"Rakes"

Not a worry or care in the world have I;
I'll enjoy this life till the day I die.

ORPHELIA DORRIS RATCLIFFE

"Dorris"

Business-like and congenial describes
her to a T;
That's what makes up her sociability.

BOBBIE JANET ROBERTSON

"B. J."

Why should I be serious and coy;
When laughter fills my life with joy?

ANNA RUTH ROOP

"Anna Ruth"

Serene, composed and a believer in
truth;
This is the description of Anna Ruth.

BRIDIE JEAN ROSS

"Bridie"

On the basketball court she's right on
the beam;
A real asset to her coach and to her
team.

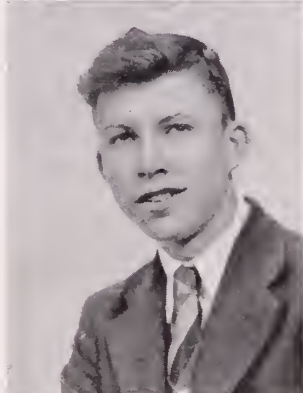
MARY ANNE ST. CLAIR

"St. Clair"

Handsome men are just my line;
And I'll take a Cadet every time.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

MAXINE BROWN SAUNDERS

"Max"

"Max" has a very lovely face;
God, in His mercy, lent her grace.

MABLE LOUISE SAWYERS

"Mable"

Her irresistible dimples lend charm
and grace
To her genial manner and her lovely
face.

BURMA NADINE SHAFFER

"Burma"

A glance that's quick and almost coy
You'll catch from Burma and really
enjoy.

SALLY JUNE SHAW

"Sal"

A dash of mirth—a pinch of good
cheer
A mischievous smile—you'll know
"Sal" is near.

WILLIAM MADISON SHELburnE

"Peanut"

You find he's quite a mischief-maker
And, I've been told, a bold heart-
breaker.

JUNE LARAINE SHOWALTER

"June"

A smiling face—a word of cheer
Are June's assets; it's very clear.

MILDRED LORRAINE SIMPSON

"Tommie"

Mildred is quiet and unassuming
Never fretting—never fuming.

OLIVIA HARRIS SMITH

"Bibbie"

Olivia is one of our studious lasses;
Her grades are all "E's"—she never
cuts classes.

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIORS

CAROLYN MARIAN SOWDER

"Jug"

She lives a life that is happy and gay;
Carolyn is the life of the party, I'd say.

DIXIE MYRTLE SOWERS

"Dixie"

Dixie has a sweetness all her own;
With her friendly disposition she's
never alone.

CLARENCE HAMILTON STUMP

"Clarence"

He works all day with never a sound;
We hardly know when he's around.

DUDLEY KENT STURDIVANT

"Dudley"

That Dudley has the ability to manage
well;
A look at his record as manager will
tell.

JAMES IRA SUBLETT

"Jimmy"

Of all the arts the gods have given
Let Jimmy's drums beat him to
Heaven.

ELMALENE THOMPSON

"Elmalene"

Short and cute, and athletic;
She's the girl with the go and get it.

LEWIS GERALD VAUGHN

"Moe"

"Moe" is very, very short;
He likes people and is a good sport.

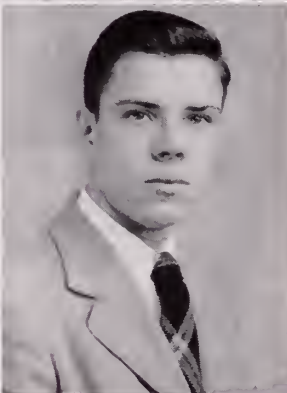
MARTHA ANN WADDELL

"Marty"

Shy but not timid; frank but sincere;
Gloom disappears whenever she's near.



The Knows . . .



SENIORS

IRMA BESS WAGNER

"Bessie"

Small, blond and plenty cute,
With a personality just to suit.

GLENN ROBERT WHITMER

"Big Bob"

On a football gridiron or basketball
court,
In fact, any place he's a good sport.

BOYD FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

"Willy"

Slow, easy-going and sincere,
One of the best athletes here.

CLAUDE WINDELL WILSON

"Wiss"

He's not a genius, he's not even great,
But he shall be, some day, you just wait.

MARJORIE ANN WOOD

"Margie"

Blond, quick, cheery and pert,
You'll notice that she's always on the
alert.

LEONA SAWYERS

"Leona"

A steadier worker would be hard to find,
And to the basketball team a verita-
ble gold mine.

NOT PICTURED

HARRY THOMAS GALWAY

CURTIS HAYDEN LEWIS

JACK WEDDLE WRAY

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIOR HISTORY

"Ring down the chorus, never say die"

Those small, unsteady voices quivered bravely in freshman home rooms during their first morning on the hill back in 1943. The Class of '47 had arrived and was taking its first shaky step into high school life.

"I'm going to buy a paper doll that I can call my own"

Our hearts swelled up with pride and our voices grew hoarse during the football games as we sat for the first time in the R. H. S. cheering section.

"I'm going to take a sentimental journey, going to set my heart at ease"

Our heroes and ideals were still the seniors, of course, but the ones we told our secrets to, the ones we picked favorite nicknames for, the ones we loved the best were our own classmates. So, together as one, the Class of '47 grew from freshmen to sophomores.

"Missed the Saturday dance, heard they crowded the floor"

The echo of those sophomore voices was steadily ringing louder through the halls. We were worldly-wise by now. The Rec. Hall was our steady . . . and remember all the war savings stamps we bought . . . and wasn't it fun holding hands?

"You made me love you, I didn't want to do it, I didn't want to do it"

Weren't they fun, those first times we braved a Friday night dance? Learning the old steps and inventing a few new ones, humming with our heads close, or keeping track of each beat in "Take it, Jackson."

"It must have been moonglow, right out of the blue"

There were so many things to laugh at, so many dreams to dream, it was so exciting just living, that almost without knowing it, we glided through that luscious spring—with the Glee Club concert, the formal, the class party—right out of sophomores into juniors.

"On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe—All Aboard"

Weren't we busy though, crowding pep meetings and football dances between selling millions of hot dogs in that cold, blustering wind, singing carols, having snowball fights, and selling Christmas cards all at once! You could see those juniors everywhere, doing everything.

The Knows . . .

SENIOR HISTORY

"The weather outside is frightful and the fire is so delightful"

We stood sturdily by the side of our fighting Bobcats every Tuesday and Friday of this basketball season. (The new "Kittens" were along, too.) We followed 'em over icy roads, through snow and sleet, or packed the Rec. Hall to its capacity. Then came March and the Blacksburg Tournament. We watched them lay down one game, then another and another. Suddenly our black and white-clad men, with beaming faces, were being crowned District Champions. Oh! We're from Radford and we couldn't be prouder.

"I'm always chasing rainbows, watching clouds drifting by"

It was here, our night, our Junior-Senior Prom, with the rainbow, the garden wall, those dreamy dresses, the Southern Colonels, the handsome tux, the starry eyes and a haunting perfume of spring flowers. We were creatures out of a fairy tale in a fairy land. We danced on clouds and our smiles were misty as we wove memories with silver threads. It was a magical night.

"Met a gal in calico, down in Santa Fe"

We sat up straight, opened our eyes wide and blinked hard. We were seniors! How those fall days rushed by! We spent our time singing the school song around the huge bonfire at pep meetings, cheering our "Big Bobcats" on and on as they trampled over team after team during those windy night games, and ending the season as we glided across the floor to the musical strands of an orchestra at the football dance.

*"He made the night a little brighter wherever he would go,
The old lamplighter of long, long ago"*

The hours seemed minutes and the days slipped by as hours do. We danced attended classes, never missed a ball game, sat for hours in Hopkins, the same old things, but now they had a special meaning, for we were doing them for the last time. With these old things some new ones came, too. We added to our store of memories by marching into assembly with the whole school standing up, the senior play, calling cards, announcements, and commencement speeches.

*"I think of you every morning, dream of you every night,
Darling, I'm never lonely whenever you're in sight"*

Suddenly what we had worked for, had dreamed of, had lived for . . . but the thing we dreaded . . . was here—Graduation.

Now it's over, our four years are through. Four years filled with so many things . . . our best friend's laughing face, a pressed corsage, a little learning, plaid shirts, a favorite record, a teacher's words, identification bracelets, crumpled notes, and a tear lost as we slipped into a cap and gown.

Each little day, each little memory will live on with us in our hearts wherever we go . . . maybe forever.

*"A melody haunts my reverie, and I'm alone again with you,
When our love was new and each kiss an inspiration"*

But that was long ago and now my consolation is in the stardust of a song . . .

. . . of the Bobcats

SENIOR WILL

We, the 1947 Senior Class of Radford High School, being of sound minds and memories, considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament. We do bequeath the belongings which we no longer find need for in the following manner:

Ann Giesen leaves her bobby pins in her desk in 107 to anyone too lazy to roll their hair at home. Bobby Janet Robertson (the Voice) leaves her hog-calling ability to anyone with lungs strong enough to use it.

Robert Whitmer leaves his flirting technique to Sherman Davis, if he can use any more.

Sue Norris—her feather cut to Merrienne Vaughan. Margie Sue Divers—her peroxide to the chemistry classes. Elmalene Thompson—her giggles to Betty June Roop. Jean Dudley—her bashfulness (as if she had any) to Sally Bellamy. Betty Bowling leaves her swing shift to the new Viscose plant. Bessie Wagner leaves her big white sweater to any up-and-coming young athlete who can live through the Monogram Club initiations.

Henry Moncure leaves his athletic ability to anyone hard up enough to want it. Paul Hollandsworth and Gerald Vaughn—their ability to shrink to Bonham Wright and Edgar Stafford. Jack Wray—his book on “The Newest Steps in Dancing,” by Steve Moore, to Dick Cook. Alton Brookman—his West Virginia accent to Jeanne Gemmill. Robert Bishop—his reserved attitude to Freddie Deyerle, who needs it desperately. Jack Cook leaves his English books in West Virginia—that’s enough. Doc Caldwell leaves his address book to Bill Arnold. Robert Glenn—his wash-bowl haircut to Bill Goodykoontz. Harry Galway—his nickname, “Bull,” to anyone stuck with it. Lacy Earles leaves his good wishes to anyone who is receiver of the practical jokes next year.

Harold McCoy and Louise Farmer—their special courting locker to Randolph Robinson and Mabel Long.

Nancy Burnett and Maxine Saunders leaves their cheerleading positions to anyone who can do “skeety wee” like they do. Nancy is taking Frankie with her.

Claude Wilson—his seat by the radiator to some lucky Junior. Stafford “Gut” Carter leaves the toothpicks which hold his eyes open to “Itchy” Ramsey. Buddy Harris—his dateless nights to Arthur Mabery. Jimmy Sublett—his playing of the drums to anyone that can stand it. Harold “College” Bellamy his red, wavy hair to Rudolph Thornton.

Mary Anne St. Clair leaves her key ring to anyone with strength enough to carry it around.

Tommy Giesen leaves his razor to anybody that will sharpen it.

Rose Radcliffe—her ability to foul out in basketball to Irene Young. Opal Mannon—all of her illnesses, aches and pains, such as the itch, pneumonia, etc., to next year’s basketball squad.

Willard Lyle—“Pneumonia Nellie” to the junk man. “Lock” Lowman—his punctuality to Coach Hobgood. Bane leaves his ability to catch “Branches” to no one.

To the future class president we leave Robert Whitmer’s ability to preside with a dignity that would do honor to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

To the Juniors we leave our seats—occupy them but don’t try to fill them; our senior dignity, our honored position as models of the school—models of wit, wisdom, charm of manner, good behavior and intellectual expansion. Comfort the faculty in their loss, but don’t imagine that you can mangle their hearts as we have done.

To Mr. Robinson, our principal, we leave a sense of relief that we have graduated at last.

To our dear, old school building itself, we leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence, and any apple cores, wads of gum or crumpled notes we may have left about. We leave, also, the nooks where we used to hide to waste time that we should have spent in study.

The Knows . . .

SENIOR PROPHECY

Hi, folks. Last night I attended that big party which opened the Casa de Manana Club, owned and operated by Ralph Hall. This affair celebrated the tenth anniversary and reunion of Radford High School's graduating Class of 1946-47. I interviewed a number of the members of this class and found that many amazing incidents have happened since the proud and dignified seniors walked out of their grand ole Alma Mater into the busy cycle of life ten years ago.

As I entered the gay, glittering night club, I bumped into the chief bouncer, Martha Mayo, who was just returning from her toughest mission. I checked my coat with Carolyn Sowder, who was working as hat-check girl while waiting for Burke to graduate from Emory and Henry College.

Miss Jeanne Dudley was acting as cigarette girl. I was ushered to my table by the head waiter, Sam Blue. On the menu I noticed many chef d'œuvres prepared by Moy Mayberry's culinary staff. Miss June Showalter, was serving as hostess of the Manana Club, her first star being Miss Bobbie Janet Robertson, the vocalist, who gave one of her special numbers, "St. Louis Blues." After dining in style I began to wander from table to table gathering bits of information and gossip about the members of the Class of '47.

Mary Jo Charlton and Trent Staton entered the first of their two sets of twins in the first grade this year at the Wray's School for Beginners.

Mildred Akers, Barbara Price and Thelma Hollins have entered their babies in the Fifth Annual Baby Show of Southwest Virginia. Thomas Edwin Disney, famous pilot of the Hornsby's Transcontinental Airlines, has been given the honor of flying Governor Henry Moncure, of Virginia, to South America, where he will make a tour of many of the countries there. The airline hostesses to go on this trip will be Misses Martha Waddell and Dixie Sowers, assisted by Betty Jo Dudley. Also making the trip will be the noted research chemist, Oscar Lee Conrad, who is employed by Lois McDaniel, owner of Du Pont, Inc.

Frances Morris has now completed the staff of her Atomic Beauty School. They are: Hair Stylist, Frances Merritt; Make-Up Artist, Alma Cochran; Manicurist, Ronella Kirby.

The internationally-known interior decorator, Elyse Cranford, is now redecorating the home of the brain specialist, James Ira Sublett, who with Mrs. Sublett and their daughter, "Snobby," is touring Europe.

Tommy Giesen has now reached the peak of his career in Hollywood. His recent picture, "Stallion," was produced and directed by G. C. Boone, of the Daniel Boones.

Buddy Harris, new *Esquire* artist, has now completed his "Cover Girls of 1957." He used as models:

The Head—MAXINE SAUNDERS
The Body—MARY SUE NORRIS
The Legs—ROSEMOND RADCLIFFE

The Rudy Boles "R. H. S." (Rudy's Hippodrome Show) will be in Radford all next week. In the show are a few former citizens of Radford including:

The Thin Man—ROY LEE RAKES
The Strong Man—ROBERT WHITMER
The Wrestler—DUDLEY STURDIVANT
The Barker—JIMMY MOORE

Willard Lyle has taken over his father's place as the head druggist of "Lyles' Drugs, Inc."

Miss Ruth Midkiff, girls' coach of R. H. S., is now having try-outs for the basketball team of the high school. Her assistant is Miss Opal Mannon.

Claudine Mannon is competing with Rita Hayworth in Hollywood for the cover girl on *Read Book* magazine.

Gene Durman's new book, "Love at the Ten-Cent Counter," is making quite a hit in the dime stores over America.

Mr. Harry Stephen Moore has now been promoted to manager of Lynchburg Foundry.

Jincy Cregger, having completed her tenth divorce, has decided to remarry her first husband. She is still looking for her ideal. Betty Martin is right behind her, having received her ninth divorce on grounds of insanity.

Mr. Robinson, former principal of R. H. S., has retired after a nervous breakdown from trying to keep the seniors in class. He can be reached at Dr. Lowman's Rest Home, where his roommate is "Gut" Carter, who is currently recuperating from sleeping sickness. Anna Ruth Roop is organ soloist on "Inner Sanctum."

Claude Wilson, Radford Chief of Police, was at a table talking to FBI Agent Olivia Smith. They have recently solved the nation's number one crime—the disappearance of Bill Howell.

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SENIOR PROPHECY

Dickie Lucas, manager of the Radford "Rockets," has recently sold first baseman William Shelburne, to the St. Louis "Cardinals."

Myrim Radcliffe won the \$1,000 Baking Contest sponsored by the Radford *News-Journal*, edited by Bobby Maness.

Howard Leighton has touched every continent while serving in the Navy under Commander Eddie Cochran.

Wilma Jean Hudgins is a nurse at a Naval Base in the Hawaiian Islands.

Curtis Lewis is having a new set of teeth made by Dentist David Pannell, who recently started his practice in Radford. You can make an appointment by calling Mary Alice Dobbins, his efficient assistant.

Clarence Stump, the new fire chief, is attending a fireman's convention in Richmond this week with his third wife.

Burma Shaffer, the famous stylist, has opened the "We Make 'em, You Buy 'em Shoppe." Her associates are Ruby Lee Bain and Ruth Blue.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Norris, Jr. (she is the former Betty Jewell Furrow), were spending the money they got from selling their ranch, the famous "Cross Bar." They are very happily married.

Misses Bessie Wagner and Mary Anne St. Clair plan to publish *Madam Esquire* after acquiring a little knowledge from traveling in France in search of Jack Cook as their ideal cover man.

Edna DeHart is now head of the Baby Department at Leggett's. She specializes in training the D. O. students. When business is rushed she is assisted by Dorris Ratcliffe. They had taken a minute off from their work to spend their fortunes.

As we passed by the tables our attention was drawn to Robert Glenn, noted salesman, who is selling products for Caldwell's, "You Bow 'em, We Tie 'em" factory. He said he had stopped by a small filling station where he was waited on by the former Ann Giesen with her five boys and two girls hovering close by. Ann is happily married for the fifth time. Mr. Glenn could not recall her last husband's name.

We were informed by Nancy Burnett, head nurse at Bellamy's Asylum, that Bobby Howard had recovered from his suicide complex and has resumed his position at Claude Wilson's Butcher Shop.

Elmalene Thompson and Mary Frances Deyerle have just completed another movie in the series of "Giggle-Puss" comedies, produced by Lacy Earles and directed by Jeannine Bright.

Margie and Thelma have established a new Hollands-Wood dance school. We hear that their pet class includes: Dudley Sturdivant, Paul Hollandsworth, Harold McCoy, Gerald Vaughn, Sally Shaw, Louise Farmer and Mildred Simpson. On special occasions they have as their guests Margie Sue Divers and Mabel Sawyers, noted vocalists.

Quite a celebration is being planned in Radford for tomorrow to welcome the professional ball player, Bane Atkinson. Manager Dickey Brown will escort him through the screaming fans. Robert Bishop's ambulance service has been rented to carry out the fainting "bobby soxers."

Mary Ellin Grey has retired to her home in the mountains to write her tenth book on "They Are Either Too Young or Too Old, Either Too Shy or Too Bold."

Betty Bowling is now playing "back-stage wife" to her husband who is starring in the play, "Who's Boss?"

The former Ruth Ann Martin is playing the role of the wife of Allison in the true-to-life story of "George and Ruthie," sponsored by Alton Brookman's Cleaning Establishment.

Gene Kelly is working hard to keep up with Bill Cook, famous dancer. Bill has perfected a new step, smuggled from Hawaii.

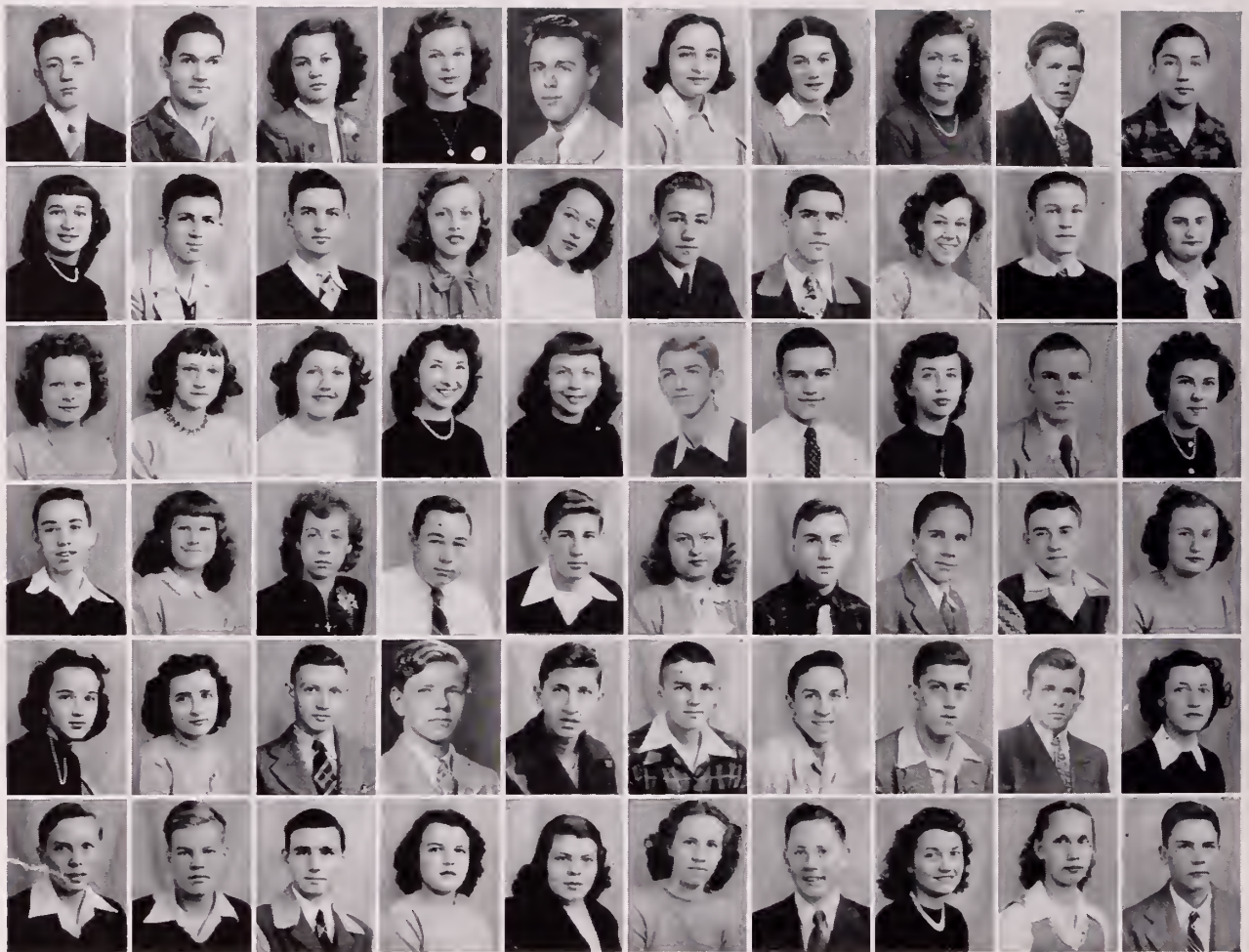
Bridie Ross and Leona Sawyers have been spending all their time teaching their daughters to be basketball stars.

In case you are wondering where we have obtained most of this gossip, that is easy. We have been sitting at the same table with Professor Teddy Burch, who keeps up with all the latest. He also informed us that the former Barbara Price is now singing at the "House of Blue Lights." Assisting her is her efficient secretary, Izetta Arbogast.

We spent a delightful evening catching up on all the tales of the Bobcats.

As we stepped up to the door we were bid good-night by Joe McGlothin, assistant manager of the Casa de Manana. We'll be back again next year and hope to see you all again.

The Eyes . . .



JUNIOR CLASS

HARLESS AKERS
ROBERT ALBERT
AGNES ALDERMAN
THELMA ALDERMAN
BILL ARNOLD
JOLENE AUSTIN
MARY BELLE BAIN
FRANKIE BEASLEY
MACK BEASLEY
DONALD BEAZLEY
SALLY BELLAMY
HARRY BIBB
EARL BISHOP
BEVERLY BOWLES
BETTY BRANCH

BILL BRICKER
DONALD BROOKS
BARBARA BRYANT
ROBERT BUGG
MARTHA BURTON
MOLLY CARPER
JANE CHAMBERS
HOPE COCHRAN
IRENE COLLIER
BETTY COOK
DICK COOK
DENTON CORDER
EDYTHE COVEY
SHERMAN DAVIS
LOUISE DeHART

FREDDIE DEYERLE
BETTY LEE DOBBINS
LUCILLE DOBBINS
ROBERT DOBYNS
BOBBY DUDLEY
GENEVA DULANEY
RINER DUNCAN
RICHARD DUNN
CHARLES EATON
POLLY EPPLEY
DOLLY FARMER
DORIS FARMER
RALPH FOSTER
BILL FRENCH
DONALD GIBSON

BILL GOODYKOONTZ
RICHARD HAISLIP
GARNET HALL
MANSFIELD HAMMOND
KITTY HEINLINE
GARY HOLDREN
MAWYER HOLLANS
BENNY HOLLIDAY
DORIS HOLT
HELEN HUTTON
DOROTHY JONES
TOMMY KEISTER
LORRAINE KESSLER
BARBARA KIRTNER
BOBBY LEIGHTON

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JUNIOR CLASS

JOYCE LEIGHTON
LORING LEMMON
ARTHUR MABERY
BILLY MARTIN
JIMMY MARTIN
ARVIN MAYBERRY
ETHEL MYERS
JACK MIDDLETON
JOLENE MONTGOMERY
BETTY JO MOORE
JIMMY T. MOORE
JOAN McCANCE
ELSIE McGUIRE
EVELYN McNEIL
GEORGE VAN NORRIS
"SMILEY" ORREN

FRANCES PANNELL
JACK PANNELL
JIMMY PATTERSON
SUE PETERS
NELLIE PRICE
JACK RAMSEY
IVA RATCLIFFE
GORDON ROBERTS
BETTY ROOP
HASSEL ROOP
HOWARD RUPE
NANCY RUSSELL
FLORIS SCHULTZ
THELMA SIMPSON
TOMMY SHOWALTER
HAZEL SMITH

HUGH SMITH
HOWARD SMOOT
EDGAR STAFFORD
MILDRED SUMLER
BETTY SUTPHIN
CARLOTTA SUTPHIN
OPAL SUTPHIN
IRENE TAYLOR
JEANETTE TRAIL
MERRIANNE VAUGHAN
RALPH VAUGHN
CHARLOTTE VIRES
FRANKIE WALKER
AGNES WAY
MARY WEIKEL
CARL WHEELER

JOANNE WHEELER
JOYCE WHITT
BETTY JO WICKLINE
MARGARET WOOLWINE
BONHAM WRIGHT
IRENE YOUNG

NOT PICTURED

LOUISE FAULKNER
BEN GRAVELY
JENKIE McGLOTHLIN
MILTON SIMPSON
EDWARD SMITH
RUDOLPH THORNTON

The Ears . . .



NINTH GRADE

CHARLOTTE AKERS
RUTH ALDERMAN
BETTY ANDREWS
PAT ARTHUR
JAMES BAILEY
DOROTHY BAKER
RICHARD BAKER
JUANITA BOLES
PATTY JO BOWLING
BETTY BROOKS
DENNIS BROOKS
BETTY BROWN
RICHARD CALES
JANET CLEAR
BILL CLINE

DAPHNE COCHRAN
VERNON COCHRAN
BENNETT COLE
GRACIE COX
JOHNNY DALTON
DERYLINE DeHART
SHIRLEY DeHART
CALVIN DUNCAN
JO FORTUNE
JEANNE GEMMILL
PETE GIESEN
DOROTHY GODBEY
LEONARD GRAHAM
PAT GRAYBEAL
MARY SUE HAISLIP

BETTY JANE HARRIS
BILL HARRIS
GERALDINE HARRIS
SUE HARTSOCK
BILLIE JOANNE HEDGE
RONNIE HENDRIX
BETTY HEUSER
KATHLEEN HINKLEY
FRANKIE HOLT
DOT HORNSBY
FRANKIE HOWARD
JANE HOWARD
PEGGY HOWELL
TOMMY HOWELL
JIMMY HUTTON

DALLAS JEWELL
JOHNNY JONES
BILLY JORDAN
MARY KEISTER
J. D. KELLER
MARY JO KINDER
KATHLEEN KING
MABEL LONG
MONA SUE LOVERN
CHARLES MANESS
ELIZABETH MANNON
ROY MANNON
BILLY MARTIN
MARVIN MARTIN
TOM MAYO

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NINTH GRADE

GERALD MEADOR
DAVID MORRIS
BETTY MOZINGO
BETTY MYLES
VIRGINIA LEE McCRAW
IMOGENE MCGINNIS
MILDRED O'NEAL
ROBERT PANNELL
DAVID PHILLIPS
VIRGINIA PHILLIPS
RODNEY PRICE
BOBBY REED
BETTY ROBINSON
RANDOLPH ROBBERSON
BILL RODGERS
EVELYN ROOP

REGINALD ROOP
MARY ROSS
BILLY SAMES
JAMES SAWYERS
FORREST SCOTT
BOBBY SHOWALTER
IVA SHUMATE
JOAN SIMPKINS
NELL SLUSHER
GERLINE SMITH
VIRGINIA SMITH
BETTY ANN SOWDER
JACK SOWERS
MARY STAFFORD
JAN STOCKE

ELISE STUMP
BILLY SUTPHIN
SNOWA SUTPHIN
FRANK TALBERT
BARBARA TIPTON
JANET TIPTON
DEANE UNDERWOOD
JUNE VAUGHN
EUGENE WEAVER
LOIS WEBSTER
BARBARA WEEKS
FRED WHEELER
MELVIN WHITE
EMMETT WHITT
ANNA JEAN WILEY

DAN WILLIAMS
NINA WOODS
DOLLY WRIGHT
RALPH WRIGHT
CLIFTON YOUNG
CURTIS YOUNG
RUTH YOUNG

NOT PICTURED

JOYCE BURROW
MAC DeHART
GENE DIXON
H. T. JOHNSON
BUDDY RASH
HAROLD SUTHERLAND
THELMA TALTON

The Cubs . . .



EIGHTH GRADE

ARLEEN ADKINS
 BETTY ADKINS
 COLEEN ADKINS
 ERNEST ALDERMAN
 NANCY ALDERMAN
 JEANETTE ALDERMAN
 EVELYN AMOS
 JOYCE BAKER
 KAREN BARNETT
 JOANNE BENSON
 JACK BIRD
 BOBBY BLUE
 CONNIE BROWNING

BOBBY CHARLTON
 JOHNNY CORNELL
 JOYCE CRAWFORD
 ELSIE MAE DOBBINS
 MELVIN DOBBINS
 BOBBY LEE DUNCAN
 ROBERT DUNCAN
 JIMMY EATON
 ANDREW FARMER
 MARTHA ANN FARMER
 MARTHA FAULKNER
 BILLY FISHER

MARSHALL HALL
 LARRY HAMMACK
 BETTY HEDGE
 DOTTIE HENDERSON
 DORIS HILL
 BETTY JO HIXON
 MARITA HOOVER
 BOBBY HUTCHINS
 BILLY JENNELLE
 LOIS JONES
 MINNIE JONES
 JAMES KESLING

ANN KING
 JOYCE KNOX
 MICKEY LANDRIUM
 HELEN LEIGHTON
 JOAN LEWIS
 JIMMY JO MARTIN
 JANET MUNIER
 JOHN MIDKIFF
 BILLY MOORE
 JEAN MORRIS
 ANNE MORROW
 CHARLES MOTTESHEARD
 DOUGLAS McCANCE



EIGHTH GRADE

FREDA MCCOY
FANNIE MCGLOTHLIN
NICKOLAS McNEIL
JOYCE NEWCOMB
KINZER OTTERMAN
RALPH PEEK
MARLYN PELTER
NELL PELTER
BOBBY PERROW
JERALDINE PHILLIPS
JIMMY RADCLIFFE
WILLIAM RADCLIFFE

JIMMY ROBERSON
DONALD ROBERTS
JOYCE ROSEBERRY
MAX RUPE
FRANKIE SAUL
JAMES SAUL
ELDRIDGE SLUSHER
JACK SMITH
MILDRED SMITH
THOMAS SMITH
JOSEPHINE STEWART
BARBARA SUMNER

SONNY SUTPHIN
CAROL SUTPHIN
DELAINE TALBERT
JANETTE TALBERT
MARY JANE TAYLOR
SYBIL THORNTON
MARY WARD TILLEY
HOWARD TURPIN
HARVEY VAUGHN
JACK VIARS
JESSE VIERS
ROBERT WEAVER

DARRELL WILSON
DONALD WILSON
MOLLY WOOD
RICHARD ZIMMERMAN

NOT PICTURED
JIMMY WINEBARGER
BETTY JANE ALLEN
BARBARA CLARK
J. C. CRABTREE
NANCY GALWAY
MARGARET MCGUIRE
HARRY SAMES

The Activities . . .



SEATED: *Bill Bricker, Henry Moncure, Tom Disney, Joan McCance, Jeannine Bright*
STANDING: *Beverly Bowles, Ann Giesen, Sue Norris, Bob Whitmer, Tommy Giesen, Mary Sue Haislip, Irene Young, Nancy Burnett, Opal Sutphin, Betty Jewell Furrow, Bessie Wagner, Doris Farmer*
NOT PICTURED: *George Norris, Nancy Russell, Karen Barnett, Jimmy Martin, Steve Moore, Mrs. Rubye Wade, Sponsor*

OAK LEAF STAFF

Ink and paper . . . words and pictures . . . these are insignificant in themselves. Yet add to them ideals and ambitions . . . mental labor and physical toil . . . determination and spirit . . . joy and solicitude . . . then you have an annual.

The 1947 OAK LEAF is the result of a staff, a school and a city working together. Our goals were high; our problems numerous. And now the carefully anticipated moment has arrived. Our annual has moved from the minds of the staff—into the hands of the students.

The decision of failure or success is yours . . . have we surpassed or fallen below your expectations? Have we given you a portrait of an immortal year in our lives or a confusion of superfluous facts? Whatever the result may be, we have whole-heartedly given you our best.

*The Staff and Sponsor
of the 1947 OAK LEAF*

. . . of the Bobcats



FIRST ROW, SEATED: *Bill Goodykoontz, Buddy Harris, Dickie Haislip, Bobbie Janet Robertson*
SECOND ROW: *Betty Branch, Joanne Wheeler, Jincy Cregger, Mary Anne St. Clair, Carolyn Sowder, Betty Jo Moore, Sue Peters, Merrienne Vaughan*
THIRD ROW: *Mary Ward Tillie, Bill Martin, Oscar Lee Conrad, Dick Cook, G. C. Boone, Elyse Cranford, Maxine Saunders, Jane Howard*

ACORN STAFF

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The *Acorn* has just come off the press with the activities, sports and gossip of the high school students.

Each attractive issue which we anxiously awaited was thoroughly read and very much enjoyed.

Under the skillful direction of Miss Catherine Dobyns, sponsor, our paper took an important step forward through adding a written "portrait" of our school to each issue. Ten Seniors hold the major positions on the staff, headed by Buddy Harris, editor-in-chief.

The purpose of the *Acorn* is to give the students practice in journalism and business management. It also serves as a means of keeping the student body and the faculty acquainted with the happenings of the school.

The Activities . . .



GLEE CLUB

MARY JO CHARLTON *President*
 BOBBIE JANET ROBERTSON *Vice President*
 IZETTA ARBOGAST *Secretary*
 MARGIE DIVERS *Treasurer*

THELMA ALDERMAN
 IRENE COLLIER
 JANET CLEAR
 EDYTHE COVEY
 LILLY JO FORTUNE

KATHLEEN HINKLEY
 WILMA HUDGINS
 LORRAINE KESSLER
 EVELYN McNEIL
 BARBARA PRICE

THELMA SIMPSON
 BETTY SUTPHIN
 MARGARET WOOLWINE
 MABEL SAWYERS
 EVELYN ROOP

The Glee Club was reorganized this year under the able leadership of Mr. Hesch.

This group of girls has manifested its talent and worthiness by assisting the Dramatic Club in presenting a Christmas program for the community; presenting a special assembly program of popular music to raise funds for new band instruments, and furnishing the Baccalaureate music at Commencement time.

Mr. Hesch has stimulated much interest in music through his work with the Glee Club and the Band.

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THE BAND

CHARLES EATON.....*President*
 PATTY JO BOWLING.....*Vice President*
 TOM MAYO.....*Secretary*
 JIMMY JO MARTIN.....*Treasurer*

NANCY ALDERMAN

JAMES KESLING

RALPH PEEK

BETTY JANE ALLEN

MABEL LONG

JACK SMITH

ANDREW FARMER

RUTH LONG

DIXIE SOWERS

PAT GRAYBEAL

MONA SUE LOVERN

DICKIE ZIMMERMAN

JIM MARTIN

This year the Band has been completely reorganized and the members have practiced hard.

The work which has been accomplished is proof of what can be done by anyone who has patience and vision.

Occasions for public appearances have not been frequent, but the Fall and Spring Concerts have shown that the instrumentalists have put a great deal of zeal and energy into the support of their leader, Mr. Hesch.

The Activities . . .



FIRST ROW: *Ruth Midkiff, Randolph Roberson, Nancy Burnett, Bill Goodykoontz, Betty Branch*
SECOND ROW: *Bill Martin, Patty Bowling, Hazel Smith, Kitty Heinline, Mary Jo Kinder, Betty Jo Dudley, Rose Radcliffe, Ann Giesen, Bill Cline*
THIRD ROW: *Paul Hollandsworth, Curtis Lewis, Frankie Williams, Garnet Hall, Tom Disney, Oscar Lee Conrad, Lock Lowman, Charles Eaton*

STUDENT PATROL

Upholding our school traditions, creating order from confusion and regulating the disorderly, our Student Patrol has spent an active, cooperative year under the leadership of Nancy Burnett, president, and Mr. Luzenski, the patrol's most efficient and capable sponsor.

In its work to improve our school, the Student Patrol has left no stone unturned. Their's is an organization truly deserving the praise and admiration of our school.

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STUDENT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

ANN GIESEN *President*
 DICKIE HAISLIP..... *Vice President*
 FORREST SCOTT..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

Presidents

FLORIS SCHULTZ..... Junior Class
 ROBERT WHITMER..... Senior Class
 BENNETT COLE..... Sophomore Class
 MARY WARD TILLEY..... Freshman Class
 NANCY BURNETT..... Student Patrol
 ANN GIESEN..... Student Council
 MARY ANN ST. CLAIR..... Home Economics Club
 BESSIE WAGNER..... Language Club
 BETTY BOWLING..... Girls' Athletic Association
 HENRY MONCURE..... Annual Staff
 BUDDY HARRIS..... Newspaper Staff

Home Rooms

102—JOHNNY DALTON
 103—JACK COOK
 107—BANE ATKINSON
 108—HELEN HUTTON
 109—JIMMY MOORE

202—JOYCE BAKER
 203—KAREN BARNETT
 204—DONALD DOBBINS
 205—DICK COOK
 206—GEORGE NORRIS

207—BOBBY PERROW
 208—OPAL SUTPHIN
 209—FRANKIE HOWARD
 4—JUANITA BOLES
 8—JIMMY HUTTON

A few years ago a Student Cooperative Association was instituted among the students at Radford High. All classes are represented in the organization, whose duty it is to develop a sense of individual responsibility and to aid the faculty in maintaining a high standard of conduct and decorum. The local organization was represented at the state meeting of the S. C. A. by Ann Giesen, president.

The activities that have been undertaken by the Association this year include: Planning with the faculty methods of improving assembly programs; promoting student contributions to the relief of tuberculosis and infantile paralysis; presenting a safety program during Fire Prevention Week; soliciting membership for the Junior Red Cross, and sponsoring the "White Christmas" contributions to unfortunate families at Christmas time.

The Activities . . .



LANGUAGE CLUB

Las Felices Coraznes, Les Heureux Cœurs, Felixa Pectora

JUANITA BOLES, Spanish
BILL BRICKER, Spanish
JEANNINE BRIGHT, Spanish
NANCY BURNETT, Spanish
BILL CLINE, Latin
BENNETT COLE, Spanish
BETTY COOK, Latin
ELYSE CRANFORD, Spanish
VIRGINIA MAE CREGGER, Latin
JOHNNY DALTON, Latin
TOM DISNEY, Spanish
GENEVA DULANEY, Spanish
BETTY JO DUDLEY, Spanish
CHARLES EATON, Latin
DORIS FARMER, Spanish
BETTY JEWELL FURROW, French
JEAN GEMMILL, Latin
PAT GRAYBEAL, Latin
MARY SUE HAISLIP, Latin
DORIS HOLT, Latin
PEGGY HORNSBY, Spanish
JANE HOWARD, Latin
FRANKIE HOWARD, Latin
HELEN HUTTON, Spanish
JIMMY HUTTON, Spanish

MARY JO KINDER, Latin
RONELLA KIRBY, Spanish
RUTH ANN MARTIN, Spanish
MARTHA MAYO, Latin
TOM MAYO, Latin
HENRY MONCURE, Latin, Spanish, French
BETTY MOZINGO, Spanish
JOAN McCANCE, Latin, Spanish
SUE PETERS, Spanish
VIRGINIA PHILLIPS, Latin
MARY ANNE ST. CLAIR, Latin
HAZEL SMITH, Latin
CAROLYN SOWDER, Latin
MARY SUE STAFFORD, Spanish
DUDLEY STURDIVANT, Spanish
OPAL SUTPHIN, Spanish
THELMA TALTON, French
MERRIANNE VAUGHAN, Latin
MARTHA WADDELL, Latin
BESSIE WAGNER, Spanish
BARBARA WEEKS, Latin
ROBERT WHITMER, Spanish
NINA WOODS, Latin
JACK WRAY, Spanish
RALPH WRIGHT, Spanish

The Language Club, an outgrowth of "El Circulo Español," is basically an honor society for students of ancient and modern languages. Our school can be proud of this club's large membership, as each member of the club has an average of 90 or above in one or more foreign languages.

The job of revision has been an extremely tedious one, which was adeptly handled by Bessie Wagner, president of the club, and the language teachers who sponsored the organization.

. . . of the Bobcats



FIRST ROW: *Virginia Phillips, Doris Farmer*

SECOND ROW: *Peggy Hornsby, Wilma Jean Hudgins, Doris Holt, Mary Anne St. Clair, Mary Frances Deyerle, Betty Jewell Furrow*

THIRD ROW: *Jeannine Bright, Joan McCance, Mildred Simpson, June Showalter, Ruth Ann Martin, Carolyn Sowder, Virginia Mae Cregger, Miss Jordan*

NOT PICTURED: *Betty Bowling, Martha Mayo, Elsie McGuire, Betty Martin*

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

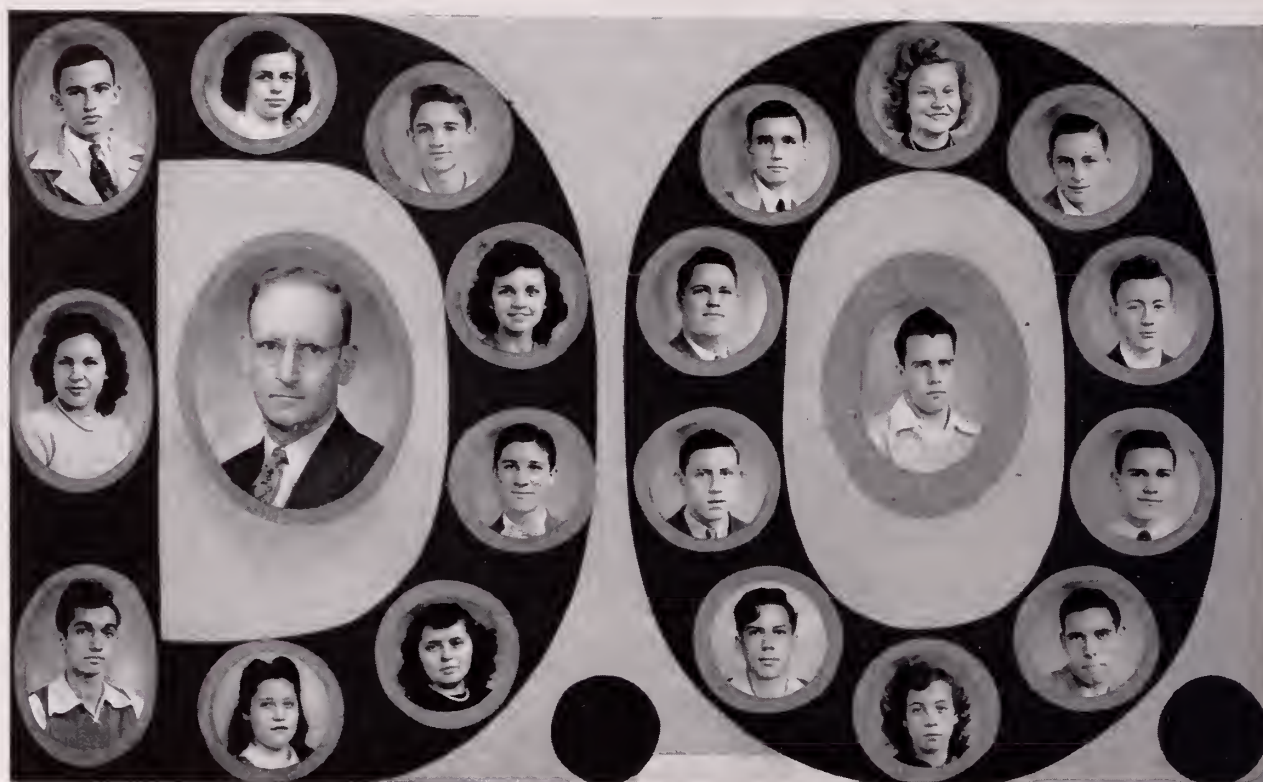
One of the most worth-while organizations at Radford High School is the Future Homemakers of America Club.

As proof of the ingenuity of the members of this club, activities completed this session included the hemming of the metallic stage backdrop, baking and selling pies, selling programs at football games, making cookies for the Veterans Hospital and preparing and serving meals to visiting participants in the basketball tournament.

The club, which is affiliated with the State and National Organizations, is sponsored by Miss Beth Jordon.

Mary Anne St.Clair has served as president during the 1946-47 session.

The Activities . . .



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The Diversified Occupations Club has an appropriate motto, "Earn While You Learn," for it is the purpose of the club to learn much about many occupations.

The members of the club engage in various kinds of work throughout the city and gain credit toward graduation as well as invaluable experience in their vocations.

Mr. Hatcher, the coordinator, is responsible for much of the competence and judgment that is manifested by the members.

... of the Bobcats



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This being the second year of the Girls' Athletic Association's existence, the club has done remarkably well in encouraging more girls to participate in athletic events.

These girls have turned out skilled teams in speedball, basketball, volleyball, softball, ping-pong, and other sports.

Under the guidance of Miss Mickey Clement, sponsor, this wide-spread organization has proceeded with the awarding of monograms on a basis of sports participation.

Betty Bowling, president of the club, has as her assistants: Beverly Bowles, vice president; Joan Simpkins, secretary and treasurer; Betty Martin, recorder, and Jeanne Dudley, reporter.

The club has spent a lucrative and entertaining year by sponsoring such events as the "Sweet-heart Hop" at Valentine's Day.



FOOTBALL SEASON

On August 28, 1946, the Radford High School 1947 "Bobcats" began their football training. The prospects for the on-coming season looked exceptionally good, as there were thirteen lettermen reporting back for gridiron duty.

Their training, which proved strenuous but profitable, began at Camp Kiwanis under the sponsorship of the City and Radford Civic Clubs.

Two co-captains, Bill Cook and Tommy Giesen, were soon chosen and the team was ready for the coming season.

Winning ten games out of eleven, the Bobcats' football squad was very successful. The Bobcats displayed the best of all-round sportsmanship. Much of the credit for such a fine team and excellent record should be given to the back-field coach, Fred McCoy, and the line coach, "Happy" Hobgood.

LINE-UP

BOBBY HOWARD (E)
STAFFORD CARTER (T)
JOHNNY NORRIS (G)
GEORGE NORRIS (C)

BILL HOWELL (G)
HAROLD BELLAMY (T)
ROBERT WHITMER (E)

TOMMY GIESEN (HB)
FRANKIE WILLIAMS (HB)
DOC CALDWELL (QB)
GENE DURMAN (FB)

SCHEDULE

RADFORD 20—BLACKSBURG 0

The Radford Bobcats began their season with an overpowering victory against the Blacksburg Indians. This game was their only daylight game of the season, and it was played in Blacksburg.

RADFORD 12—PEARISBURG 6

In their first home game of the season, which was also their first night game, the Bobcats triumphed over Pearisburg with a two to one ratio.

RADFORD 32—PULASKI 0

Playing at night in Pulaski, our Bobcats carried through in true victorious style, which thrilled our home-town patrons and brought favorable comments from football patrons at large.

RADFORD 27—DUBLIN 0

The Dublin Dukes traversed to Radford to receive defeat from our mighty Bobcats in our third night game.

The Power of . . .

FOOTBALL SEASON

RADFORD 26—WILLIAM BYRD 13

The Bobcats were scored against for the second time in this thrilling home game.

RADFORD 18—WYTHEVILLE 0

For the third time the Bobcats went on tour and handed out an overpowering victory. This time Wytheville was the receiver of the defeat.

RADFORD 14—MARTINSVILLE 13

In a thrilling game at Martinsville, the Bobcats made every point count in their seventh contest of the season.

RADFORD 32—SCHOOLFIELD 0

Schoolfield traveled to Radford to receive an overwhelming defeat at the hands of our home team. In chilly weather, with our voices hoarse, we watched our Bobcats triumph in their seventh night game.

RADFORD 42—CHRISTIANSBURG 0

Chalking up the largest score of their season, the Bobcats journeyed to Christiansburg to make their ninth consecutive victory . . . and to bring their 1946-47 season to near completion.

RADFORD 7—WILLIAM FLEMING 19

This game, having previously been postponed due to weather conditions, was a victory for Fleming and the Bobcats' first defeat.

THE JAYVEES

The Junior Varsity had a most successful season, losing only one game out of four. The little "Cats" pushed their way over Pulaski Junior Varsity's Orioles twice, first in a 13—12 thriller and second, a 19—13 score.

Having defeated the Wytheville J. V.'s 18 to 6 in their first encounter, the "Cats" received their only defeat, a 12 to 6 count, in their second game with Wytheville, which concluded their season.

Many of the J. V. players will be excellent candidates for the Varsity team in 1947-48.

. . . the Bobcats



FIRST ROW: *Steve Moore, Doc Caldwell, Gut Carter, Tommy Giesen, Gene Durman, Bob Whitmer, Bill Cook, Bobby Howard, Bill Howell, Dick Cook*

SECOND ROW: *Gary Holdren, Mac DeHart, George Norris, Bill Martin, Garnet Hall, Harold Bellamy, Jack Cook, Donald Gibson, Dickie Haislip, Buddy Harris*

THIRD ROW: *Bill Arnold, Jack Wray, Dicky Lucas, Lock Lowman, Frankie Williams, Tom Disney, Sherman Davis, Dudley Sturdivant, Sam Blue, Bill Goodykoontz, Bane Atkinson*

VARSITY CLUB

BOBBY HOWARD.....	<i>President</i>
STAFFORD CARTER.....	<i>Vice President</i>
"DOC" CALDWELL.....	<i>Secretary</i>
BILL COOK.....	<i>Treasurer</i>

Exclusive and informal, the R. H. S. Varsity Club is an organization with a purpose. Through its constitution it directs the awarding of all monograms in addition to serving the admirable purpose of bringing together all boys participating in our school's four major sports—football, basketball, baseball and track.

Organized under the capable direction of Coaches Fred McCoy and "Happy" Hobgood, the Varsity Club is filling the long-felt needs of an athletic monogram club in our school.

The student body takes great pride in the members of this organization, whose positions are greatly envied and admired by all.

The Cagers of . . .



FIRST ROW: *Bill Cook, Frankie Williams, Dick Cook, Steve Moore*
SECOND ROW: *Dudley Sturdivant, Manager; Robert Whitmer, Tom Disney, Bobby Howard, Sherman Davis, Bill Howell*
THIRD ROW: *Buddy Harris, Tom Giesen, Bane Atkinson, Dickie Haislip*

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The high-g geared 1947 edition of the Bobcats' hardwood artists was a fast-moving, smooth-working outfit with all the skill and agility of a true championship team.

"Big Bob" Whitmer, captain of the Cats' quintet, set a rapid pace for the talented, incomparable Bobcats.

Both Bob Whitmer and Dick Cook were selected for the all-tournament line-up in both the district and state events.

Sporting our new school colors for the first time, these boys have already brought superlative honor and glory to the "black and white," and have set our future goal as the top rung in the state championship ladder.

. . . the Bobcats



FIRST ROW: *Jimmy Patterson, Claude Wilson, Jimmy T. Moore, Bill Martin, George Norris, Arthur Mabery, Randolph Robinson*
SECOND ROW: *Dan Williams, Rodney Price, Charles Maness, "Sonny" Weaver, Pete Giesen, Robert Bishop, Johnny Dalton, Bill Bricker, Gene Dixon*
THIRD ROW: *Bill Cline, Bill Jordan, Charles Eaton, Jimmy Eaton, Ralph Peek*

BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Radford High Junior Varsity A and B teams ended their season early in March, capturing both cups in the District J. V. Tourney. The season was exceptionally successful, with only one loss in approximately twenty games. Many of the "little Cats" have certain places on next year's Varsity.

Although many of the Junior Varsity Cagers were inexperienced they came through in true Bobcat fashion, and gave the Varsity Cagers support in every possible way.

It is our greatest hope that the "little Cats" will come through as successfully next year as they have during 1946-47.

The Bobkittens . . .



FRONT ROW: *Rose Radcliffe and Sue Norris, Co-Captains*
SECOND ROW, SEATED: *Irene Young, Opal Mannon, Ann Giesen, Bridie Ross, Sally Bellamy*
THIRD ROW: *Mable Sawyers, Ruth Midkiff, Louise DeHart, Hope Cochran*
FOURTH ROW: *Margie Divers, Elmalene Thompson, Lois Webster, Floris Shultz*

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

For the second time in eleven years the girls' basketball team at R. H. S. has been a truly outstanding organization. Under the skillful direction of Miss Mickey Clement, our Bobkittens chalked up nineteen victories against a lone setback.

Not content with such an admirable record alone, they went on to greater victories in the girls' basketball tournaments.

This group of girls was too tough to handle in both their offense and their defense, as was proved by the fact that five members of the sextet made the all-tournament line-up.

Miss Clement has done a fine job in creating a girls' team with the same power and skill which is so typical of the name "Bobcats."

In addition to the returning Varsity members, the Junior Varsity will supply good material for next year's team, which should prove to be one of champions.

. . . of Forty-Seven



FIRST ROW: *Betty Heuser, Geraldine Harris, Derlyene DeHart, Mary Sue Haislip, Janet Clear*
 SECOND ROW: *Joyce Whitt, Molly Wood, Eva Shumate, Frankie Howard, Virginia McCraw*
 THIRD ROW: *Betty Cook, Geneva Dulaney, Betty Lee Dobbins, Patty Bowling, Mabel Long*

GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	WE	THEY
December 13	Shawsville	There	34	19
December 17	Pearisburg	Here	40	13
December 19	Pearisburg	There	40	18
January 3	Alumnæ	Here	34	13
January 7	William Byrd	There	16	10
January 10	Blacksburg	There	35	21
January 14	Pearisburg	Here	33	17
January 17	Narrows	Here	25	10
January 21	R. S. T. C.	There	23	11
January 24	Pulaski	Here	38	9
January 28	Narrows	There	32	13
January 31	William Fleming	There	29	30
February 4	Christiansburg	Here	30	19
February 7	Blacksburg	Here	36	17
February 10	Christiansburg	There	35	20
February 11	Pearisburg	There	51	24
February 14	William Fleming	Here	36	20
February 17	Shawsville	Here	45	31
February 21	Pulaski	There	25	16
February 25	William Byrd	Here	42	19

Tales of . . .



*Bobby Janet Robertson, Betty Bowling, Sue Peters, Merrienne Vaughan
Maxine Saunders Nancy Burnett*

CHEERLEADERS

From the din of a tense, extrovertical crowd rose the voices of R. H. S. . . . cheering for our Bobcats through victory or through strife, under the able direction of six girls in white . . . our cheerleaders.

Their constant inspiration and tireless efforts thrilled us to the marrow, and with inestimable pride we acknowledged them as our own . . . our chosen six. They, too, were champions.

Trained to perfection by Miss Juanita Phillips, these snappy-moving girls were animated with the spirit shown by the head cheerleaders, Nancy Burnett and Maxine Saunders.

. . . the Bobcats



Once upon a time there were 500 "Bobcats" in a school-house on a hilltop . . . and we were all among them, for the time was the beginning of a new school year . . . September 5, 1946.

For days we saw faces, faces and more faces; familiar faces and new faces. There were many new friends to make and new things to do, yet slowly order and harmony rose from amid the chaos of those first memorable days.

For some of us they were our first days in high school; for others, our first school days of the year; but for the football boys, they were only premeditated events that were in keeping with the schedule which had occupied them since the 25th of August. Yes, the carriers of the pigskin had already begun their gridiron grueling . . . their faithful workouts, their seemingly endless practice.

All of us shared in reaping their harvest of victories—a harvest made possible only by their diligent training.

But the starring lettermen were not alone in their practice and their work for many who never reached the crowning glory of representing our school on the gridiron had intentions equally great, and labored as diligently . . . *They also serve who only stand and wait.*

There were many teams who worked together to make up the "Bobcats" and among the greatest of them all was a team of six girls, clad in black and white, who braved the forces of all nature's works to cheer our "Bobcats" onward. Neither rain nor snow, distance nor expense could stop our cheerleaders who filled our games with spirit, pep and sportsmanship. Winning or losing, our teams and our cheerleaders won the admiration and respect of everyone.

Whether they won or lost, we were proud of our "Bobcats" and were inspired by our cheerleaders.



"Skeety wee, Skeety wee . . ."

Tales of . . .

Pep meetings, hot dogs, speedball, class rings, dances, homework, heartbeats and Halloween . . . as our year grew older, we grew more wise and confident.

Many people, working together, make up the R. H. S. Bobcats, just as many parts, joined together, make nature's Bobcats. A forced comparison, perhaps, but for us it explains the make-up of our teams and school. We led a life of gaiety and puns; laughter, to us, was as important as friendship.

When our work was done, we sought seclusion from our studies in the lighter things of life. Remember "*Kilroy's*" visit on Halloween . . . and how often we petitioned "Richard" to open the door? To some these may seem foolish trivialities now—just like our *Heads, Knows, Eyes, Ears, Cubs and Tales of the Bobcats*—yet without them our year would never have been complete . . . yes, the thought of our laughter will live on to echo through the halls of R. H. S. long after we have left . . . for our childish puns and pleasures are a part of youth which we will leave behind in exchange for the responsibilities of manhood. *The Bobcats are versatile.*

"Merry Christmas!" . . . what a very merry Christmas we all had. A season of splendor and gaiety which we filled with a deep feeling of love and pride by contributing a record amount of gifts to the public welfare's "White Christmas" . . . a season which filled our hearts with its significance as we silently watched the Christmas Pageant of tableaux . . . as we reverently heard the fresh young voices of our Glee Club raised in humble tribute. The Bobcats had a Merry Christmas . . .



Kilroy—(Kilfilrolfey)

. . . the Bobcats

The "Cats'" and "Kittens'" basketball teams were champions in every sense of the word.

From January until March our happy hearts and hoarse voices were factual evidence of the spirit with which we followed our teams—our champions.

The weather made it seem as if a bit of spring had materialized in the middle of February, until we awoke one day to find our city covered with a feathery blanket of soft, downy snow—for winter had not left our State—we had 12 inches of snow in Radford.

Snow or no snow, we trudged on to follow our team through their glorious victories over Fleming and Byrd in the finals. Our cagers' season was a season of victories—a season to remember.



Tales of . . .



SEATED: *Lee Conrad, Rose Radcliffe, Ann Giesen, Jeanne Dudley, Ruth Midkiff, Henry Moncure*

STANDING: *Harold McCoy, Tom Disney, Dudley Sturdivant.* NOT PICTURED: *Olivia Smith, Doc Caldwell*

Out of all our teams at R. H. S., there was one which worked longer than all the others—it was a team of individuals, bound together by a common ideal and a single aim.

They had no name for their team, nor any uniforms for themselves. Their coaches were all the teachers; the tools of their game were textbooks—for they were the scholarship students of our school. Their finals—the NROTC, Pepsi-Cola, Westinghouse and D. A. R. Competitions—lasted long; their competitors were many.

But in true Bobcat tradition, members of this team also triumphed, and their championship was crowned with the reward of a college education.

Sports competition or scholarship competition, literary or athletic, the Bobcats were champions and they had a record which was hard to match.

. . . . *United We Stand*

Tales of the Bobcats



We began to take on us a feeling of triumph and carefreeness as we reached the "finals" of our term—the Junior-Senior Prom—when the Seniors felt so old . . . and amid the serenity of an old-fashioned garden . . . the Juniors felt that proud feeling reserved only for the Seniors . . . while the Seniors reminisced over that same

feeling which had been theirs a year ago when a rainbow and a pot of gold had filled their minds with lasting memories.

The night of the Senior play . . . the party at the *Lighthouse* . . . the Senior picnic . . . commencement speeches . . . the gaiety and the sadness of graduation—another chapter in the life of the Bobcats drew to a close, while yet a new chapter had already begun with seventh graders visiting our "home."

Thus we concluded one of the many tales of the Bobcats; however their unity and spirit are not gone from R. H. S.; it is not the end of our story—but rather the beginning of another.

One class ceased to attend our school . . . they have *commenced* to be men and women . . . may they live happily ever after.



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